

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,
OF MINNESOTA,

AT ITS FOURTEENTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD IN THE
CITY OF ST. PAUL, COMMENCING OCTOBER 23RD, A. L. 5866.

FIRST DAY.

At 12 o'clock M., the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master opened a Master's ☐ in ample form.

R. W. P. P. HUBBELL, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. G. B. COOLEY, Grand Senior Warden.
W. A. HANNA, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. G. L. OTIS, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. C. W. CARPENTER, Grand Secretary.
R. W. W. T. RIGBY, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. C. N. DANIELS, Junior Grand Deacon.
R. W. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Tyler.

Prayer by W. Bro., the Rev. Dr. S. Y. McMasters.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll of ☐, when twenty-five Subordinate ☐ were found duly represented.

The representatives from a constitutional number of ☐ being present, the Most Worshipful the Grand ☐ of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota, was opened in due form.

Present—Grand Officers :

R. W. P. P. HUBBELL, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. G. B. COOLEY, Senior Grand Warden.
W. E. D. B. PORTER, as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. G. L. OTIS, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. C. W. CARPENTER, Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. S. Y. McMASTERS, Grand Chaplain.
W. ROBERT STEWART, as Grand Marshal.
W. A. HANNA, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. C. N. DANIELS, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. H. D. BROWN, as Grand Pursuivant.
R. W. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Tyler.

PAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. A. E. AMES, Past Grand Master.
M. W. A. T. C. PIERSON, Past Grand Master.
R. W. L. E. THOMPSON, Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. S. E. ADAMS, Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. H. LINDSLEY, Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. A. B. CURRY, Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. T. RIGBY, Past Junior Grand Warden.

Prayer by the W.: Grand Chaplain.

On motion of M.: W.: A. T. C. Pierson,

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing, be invited to take seats in this Grand ☐ during its session.

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

Bros. C. H. Lindsley, W. G. Dye, and the Grand Secretary, who reported the following delegates, from Subordinate ☐, entitled to seats.

St. John's, No. 1—L. E. Thompson, proxy for ☐.
 Cataract, No. 2—M. W. Getchell, Worshipful Master.
 St. Paul, No. 3—G. W. Merrill, Worshipful Master.
 W. H. Grant, Senior Warden.
 Monroe Sheire, Junior Warden.
 Ancient Landmark, No. 5—Freeman James, Worshipful Master.
 J. C. Terry, Senior Warden.
 F. H. Pratt, Junior Warden.
 Mantorville, No. 11—G. B. Cooley, Worshipful Master.
 Mankato, No. 12—A. Hanna, Worshipful Master.
 B. F. Smith, Junior Warden.
 Monticello, No. 16—T. C. Shapleigh, Worshipful Master.
 Henry Kreis, Junior Warden.
 Winona, No. 18—J. B. Cummings, Worshipful Master.
 W. G. Dye, Senior Warden.
 Minneapolis, No. 19—O. B. King, Worshipful Master.
 Rochester, No. 21—C. H. Lindsley, Worshipful Master.
 S. J. Barlow, Proxy for Senior Warden.
 Geo. C. Cook, Proxy for Junior Warden.
 North Star, No. 23—A. B. Curry, Proxy for ☐.
 Wilton, No. 24—P. C. Bailey, Worshipful Master.
 W. T. Kittridge, Senior Warden.
 Western Star, No. 26—H. C. Brown, Worshipful Master.
 Blue Earth Valley, No. 27—J. L. Weir, Proxy for ☐.
 Clear Water, No. 28—W. T. Rigby, Worshipful Master.
 Anoka, No. 30—J. W. Henion, Senior Warden.
 King Hiram, No. 31—Robt. H. Rose, Proxy for ☐.
 King Solomon, No. 44—H. S. Holton, Worshipful Master.
 Harmony, No. 43—N. B. Ufford, Worshipful Master.
 Rising Sun, No. 49—R. Stewart, Proxy for ☐.
 Watertown, No. 51—F. Beebe, Proxy for ☐.
 Cannon River, No. 52—Isaac Pope, Worshipful Master.
 Faribault, No. 53—C. N. Daniels, Senior Warden.
 John Mullen, Junior Warden.
 Nicollet, No. 54—E. D. B. Porter, Proxy for ☐.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of R.: W.: L. E. Thompson, the Grand ☐ was called to refreshment, until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION—7 O'CLOCK.

The Grand ☐ resumed labor, the M.: W.: Grand Master, Geo. W. Prescott, presiding, and the constitutional number for business being present.

R.: W.: A. J. Phelps, J.: G.: W.: , was present and took his station in the South.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional representatives :

Mount Moriah, No. 35—J. E. Finch, Worshipful Master.

Washington, No. 38.—D. E. Sawyer, Worshipful Master.

Fidelity, No. 39—O. Somers, Worshipful Master.

L. R. Hathaway, Senior Warden.

Evergreen, No. 46—Truman Morse, Worshipful Master.

Social, No. 48—Chas. Taylor, Worshipful Master.

F. A. Nobles, Senior Warden.

Acacia, No. 51—O. G. Leonard, Worshipful Master.

J. S. Norris, Senior Warden.

Theo. Furber, Junior Warden.

Oriental, No. 34—L. D. Jennings, Proxy for S. and J. W.

Pleasant Grove, No. 22—W. H. Mills, Worshipful Master.

P. R. Austin, Senior Warden.

Star in the East, No. 33—J. W. Morford, Worshipful Master.

A. B. Webber, Proxy for Senior Warden.

Cataract, No. 2—Edward Patch, Proxy for Senior Warden.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing Committees :

On Returns of ☐—Bros. Curry, Getchell and Beebe.

On Work of ☐ U. D.—Bros. Cummings, Lindsley and Ufford.

On Examination of Treasurer's and Secretary's Books—Bros. Finch, Shapleigh and Henion.

On Examination of Visiting Brethren—Bros. Bailey, Grant and Daniels.

On Appeals and Grievances—Bros. L. E. Thompson, Smith and James.

On Unfinished Business—Bros. Steward, Brown and Pope.

On Ancient Landmarks—Bros. Getchell, Porter and Rose.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand ☐ :

The requirements of business, imperative and engrossing, not only interfere with my meeting with you at this Annual Communication, but have also consumed those hours which I had intended to set apart for the preparation of the customary Grand Master's address. The only privilege now left me, is that of giving, in few words, an account of my official acts, and of calling your attention to such matters as seem to demand legislation.

Dispensations for new ☐ have been granted during the year as follows :

Zion ☐ , at Taylor's Falls.

Blue Earth City ☐ , at Blue Earth City.

Spring Valley ☐ , at Spring Valley.

Temple ☐ , at Hutchinson.

Carver ☐ , at Carver, Minn.

The papers and fee in each case were turned over to the Grand Secretary, upon issuing the dispensation. Some applications have not been acted on because the testimony in favor of a ☐ was not clear, and in granting charters to the ☐ U. D. the Grand ☐ should carefully scrutinize the records, and as far as possible, test the work of the brethren. Excuses which pass current in a new country, should be viewed more critically

now. But I need not enlarge upon this topic; you do not require to be taught your duty in a matter so important to the welfare of Masonry.

The [] at Mantoville and Zumbrota had the misfortune to lose their charters, records and [] furniture by fire, since our last meeting. Upon application, I at once issued dispensations under which they might act until the charters could be replaced by order of the Grand [].

These accidents will doubtless lead the brethren to not only insure their property when practicable, but also to see that the charter is kept in some secure place. The practice of leaving it in the [] room, although common, is not a commendable one.

Only two questions of importance have been submitted to me. One involved the point how far a [] can interfere to try business matters between brethren, and the other was upon the almost equally troublesome question of personal defect. The first question I did not decide. My own opinion was somewhat at variance with that of prominent members of the Grand [], in whose judgment I had so much confidence, that I held the matter under advisement. Meantime I was called from home, and did not return until it was too late for my decision to be of any practical importance.

The second question, as put, was easily answered; but the particular case which prompted it was subsequently explained to me, and is one among so many which have arisen, and will rise, involving the same point, that I feel disposed to submit it to the Grand [] for your consideration. A young man, the son of an esteemed member of this Grand [], lost a leg, yet with such skill has the cunning workman in artificial limbs replaced the missing member, that a casual observer would not perceive the loss. Is the door of Masonry barred against this man, who can pass through all our ceremonies with entire readiness, and has no physical maiming which would, in the least, interfere with his becoming a shining light in speculative Masonry? In the operative days of our Order, the spirit of our Institution required the physically perfect youth. In our day the spirit of the Institution finds more need of perfection, or struggles toward it at least, of a different and higher type. You will see, brethren, that this is merely a representative case. You will have to consider the whole question of physical imperfection, remedied as it is to so great a degree by modern science.

Finding that it was doubtful whether the Proceedings of the last session would be printed in season, the Grand Secretary, by my direction, procured the printing of the proposed amendments to our Constitution, (relating to trials,) and transmitted them, duly attested, to the several [] of this jurisdiction, for their examination. The matter will, therefore, properly come before you at this time for final action. The amendments proposed met with the unanimous concurrence of the brethren at our last session, and I am satisfied that their adoption would very much improve the disciplinary work of our own []. Such are the difficulties in attempting a trial under our old code, that [] have, in several instances, borne with irregularities which not only caused good brethren to sorrow and blush, but also brought the whole Order into disrepute in the community.

At our last session your attention was called to the fact that the Grand [] owned two lots in Oakland Cemetery, and a committee was appointed, to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the city [], in procuring their proper adornment as a resting place for brethren who might die among us. Eight lots are now improved as one piece, making a really beautiful spot in that beautiful burial place. The expense to this Grand [], one-third of the whole, was \$34.75, for which I drew a warrant on the Grand Treasurer.

Since our last annual gathering, one well known to, and well beloved by the Fraternity generally, has gone out from the earthly [], we trust to enter into the joy of his Lord. R. W. Bro. A. O'Sullivan, for many years Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer of the different Masonic Grand Bodies of Missouri, died last summer after a long illness. Many of the brethren had the pleasure of meeting him in St. Paul, in the summer of 1865, and they can, with me, bear witness to his nobleness and goodness. The Masonic world knows of his knowledge and zeal.

A few words now in regard to the esoteric work of Masonry—plain words, too, brethren. In my Masonic infancy, listening to the grave discussions of those from whom I, as a neophyte, sought instruction, I trembled for the Institution, because all did not agree upon the precise words to be used in our work and lectures. I thought every sign, every ceremony and every expression, had its origin when—well, *you* know—when Masonry begun; and to learn that the words—nay, worse still, the very ceremonies wherein I had so faithfully represented a renowned predecessor—materially differed in different jurisdictions, was to learn that there might be a taint of modernism, even in our ancient Institution, which would surely prove, some day, that all its venerable gray hairs were the work of wig-makers. I have learned some things since, and among the things learned are—that the Preston Lectures, so-called, are (perhaps) Preston's Lectures; that the Webb work, so-called, is Webb's work; that the Wilson work, so-called, is Wilson's work, and Barney work, is Barney's work, and Morris work, is Morris' work, and Pierson work, is Pierson's work, and—and so on through the whole catalogue of authors and revisers. I have learned, too, that all these men have the same skeleton of facts, (traditional to be sure, but wonderfully concurrent) which they have tried to fill out with sinew and muscle and—it must be confessed—a great deal of adipose; and I have learned ever to be looking through and beyond the modern trappings and trying to realize the great truths so grandly "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Thus looking and trying, I have said to myself, this is a noble old skeleton. Had not we better, instead of stuffing it out with pillows and sawdust till it shall look as slick and fat as a hypothetical alderman, just put bone to his bone, and adding only enough of sinew and muscle to make it work, save all the rounding out of form and decking out of person for independent speculative discourse?

Brethren, I am satisfied we try to preach too much in our ceremonies, and are too verbose in our lectures. The former, when well performed, are significant enough to speak in their most expressive language of action; the latter should only seize those salient points which enable the mind, at once, to grasp and analyze all that lies between. Save something for reflection and study—for familiar lecture and talk, during those evenings when no work, technically speaking, is before the □. Let officers and brethren, instead of being contented with fluency in parrot-like repetition, study to *act* well their part, and with a few words fitly chosen, make our symbols and ceremonies tell their own story with an emphasis that shall install them as monitors for all future time.

"Within the deep recesses of the brain,
Our thoughts are linked by many a hidden chain;
Awake but one, and, lo, what myriads rise!—
Each stamps its image as the other flies."

I never look upon level or plumb-line, gavel or square, without having at once rise before me, the vision of a temple so radiantly beautiful—so suggestive of purity and peace—that it flashes out "Building of God!" from corner stone to cope-stone.

We are far down in the stream of time, brethren. The head of gold, the breast of silver, the thighs of brass, and the legs of iron, have passed into history. Part of iron and part of clay, our Institution is, to-day, partly strong and partly broken. Instead of spending our strength in trying to mix what will not mingle; let us endeavor to "strengthen the things that remain," by giving more prominence to what is really old—the teaching of a great truth by a significant allegory.

Not that I think the manner of working unimportant. Nay, more important does it become when taken for what it really is, than when set up for what it really is not. Reflecting, unbiassed minds will always detect the fallacies of charlatans, and will be repelled instead of captured by empiricism. Let us speak and act honestly. Our foundation is an ancient one. It lies deep among the ruins of earliest time. Here and there stands a noble column, a perfect arch, while scattered around, out of place, lie the evidences of a once complete structure. Modern assumption, proud and vain, would sometimes replace these vestiges—grand in their desola-

tion—with a tinselled toy, which pleases the eye, charms the ear, but scorches and shrivels, and shows its tawdriness before the judgment. The effect of such Masonry is well depicted by an old prophet: "And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play on an instrument, for they hear thy words, but they do them not."

Uniformity in our work and lectures is desirable for many reasons, and the diversity existing in our jurisdiction is, it seems to me, needless. Needless, but not strange. Our brethren hail from all countries and all sections of the same country, and harmony here would demonstrate its universality; but it is time now, as before hinted, to discard the excuses of earlier days and assume the stability which becomes a settled community.

How uniformity shall be secured is for you to decide, but I caution you, in commencing, against adopting what you do not intend to follow. This advice may sound strangely, brethren, but, if good, it is needed. Agree upon the work to be disseminated, or at least heartily agree to receive, fully and honestly, what is adopted. Any other course will aggravate the old trouble and add a new one, thus making your legislation an injury instead of a blessing. Twice has this Grand ☐ passed a vote adopting work, but visitations among the ☐ have shown me that nothing was accomplished by it. You can tell each other the reason why.

A few words of a personal character. You have honored me beyond my deserts always. My heart cherishes the many testimonials of your forbearance and regard, as most precious treasures. Without presuming to know the general wish of the Grand ☐, I may be permitted, at least, to say to those who have expressed a preference for my re-election, that the requirements of secular business imperatively demand my release from the duties and responsibilities of official position. Be assured, though, that no light matter will keep me from our annual gatherings, for I owe to this beloved Order too many dear friendships to forget or neglect our assemblages.

And now, recognizing with you the loving care of Him who has kept and blessed us through another year, I bid you a hearty Godspeed in your labor of love.

R. W. Bro. L. E. Thompson moved the address he referred to a select committee of three, which motion prevailed, and Bro. L. E. Thompson, A. B. Curry, and W. G. Dye were appointed such committee.

The amendment to the Constitution, of the trial code, reported at the last Annual Communication, was then taken up.

Bro. Stewart moved its adoption, which motion prevailed. The roll of ☐ having been called, the amendment was declared adopted by the following vote:

Whole number of votes, 103; Number of votes in the affirmative, 88; Number of votes in the negative, 15.

On motion of Bro. M. W. Getchell,

Resolved, That the Grand ☐ proceed to the election of Grand Officers to-morrow forenoon at half past ten o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. O. B. King, H. S. Holton, and N. B. Ufford, a committee to prepare and report a payroll.

The Grand ☐ was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand ☐ resumed labor, the M.: W.: Grand Master presiding.

Present, the same officers and representatives as yesterday.

Prayer by the R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. James, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional representatives present and entitled to seats :

Red Wing, No. 8—S. B. Foot, Worshipful Master.

Hermon, No. 41—S. B. Foot, proxy for ☐.

Dakota, No. 7—R. J. Marvin, Worshipful Master.

Wapahosa, No. 14—H. W. Rose, Senior Warden.

Carnelian, No. 40—S. R. Merrell, Worshipful Master.

Cataract, No. 2, M. P. Hayes, Junior Warden.

Hennepin, No. 4—E. A. Groff, Senior Warden.

Mount Moriah, No. 35—C. W. Nash, proxy for Senior Warden.

Caledonia, No. 20—Jacob Webster, Junior Warden.

Morning Star, No. 29—Wm. R. Anderson, Worshipful Master.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary presented a petition from the brethren at Farmington, Dakota County, praying for a warrant of dispensation to empower them to work, which was, upon motion of Bro. Hanna, referred to the Committee upon Work of ☐ U.: D.:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master, made the following report :

To the M.: W.: Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session :

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M.: W.: G.: M.:, beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master be referred as follows :

So much thereof as relates to qualifications, to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

So much thereof as relates to uniformity of work, to a special committee of three.

And the balance thereof to a special committee of three.

L. E. THOMPSON, { Committee.
W. G. DYE.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

The M.: W.: Grand Master appointed, as said first special committee, Bros. B. F. Smith, G. L. Otis, and W. T. Rigby.

As said second special committee, Bros. Marvin, Norris and Rose.

R.: W.: L. E. Thompson informed the Grand ☐ that the charters of Mantorville ☐, No. 11, and Hermon ☐, No. 41, had been destroyed by fire, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand ☐ be authorized to issue new charters to said ☐, without fee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Bro. Thompson,

Resolved, That the Grand ☐ dues of Mantorville ☐, No. 11, and Hermon ☐, No. 41, be remitted.

Which motion prevailed.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that no business had come before said committee.

The committee to whom was referred the balance of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, submit the following report :

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota :

Your committee to whom was referred the balance of the annual address of the M. W. Grand Master, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report :

That it is with feelings of regret we learn, by his address, that he will not again be a candidate for the honors of this Grand ☐, owing to the press of secular business upon him : and that your committee offer, as the sense of this Grand ☐, its appreciation of the high interest always taken by W. M. Brother Prescott, in our Order, and of the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high office during the past two years.

R. J. MARVIN, }
J. S. NORRIS, } Committee.
H. W. ROSE. }

The report was accepted and unanimously adopted.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented a bill in favor of the Pioneer Printing Company, for printing the Proceedings of 1864 and 1865, amounting to one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On motion of Bro. Thompson, said bill was allowed and ordered paid.

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks submitted the following report.

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota :

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, in reference to the admission of members to the Order, beg leave to report :

That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of the opinion that the initiation into the mysteries of Masonry, of such persons as are mentioned in the Grand Master's address, would be in violation of the Ancient Landmarks, as laid down in the Constitution of this Grand ☐, and not having sufficient time to investigate a matter of so much importance, the committee would recommend the appointment of a special committee of three, to take into consideration the correctness of Landmark *Nine*, and report upon the same, at the next session of the Grand ☐.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

M. W. GETCHELL, }
E. D. B. PORTER. } Committee.

The report was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as such committee, Bros. Getchell, Porter and Otis.

The Committee on Uniformity of Work, made a verbal report, which, upon motion, was laid over until the afternoon session.

The committee on Returns of ☐ reported as follows :

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Returns have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correct, as now returned, with the several amounts due the Grand ☐ from the respective Subordinate ☐, as follows :

St. John's, No. 1, Stillwater.....	\$52 00
Cataract, No. 2, St. Anthony.....	80 50
St. Paul, No. 3, St. Paul.....	53 50
Hennepin, No. 4, Minneapolis.....	107 00
Ancient Landmark, No. 5, St. Paul.....	100 00
Dakota, No. 7, Hastings.....	47 00
Red Wing, No. 8, Red Wing.....	62 00
Mantorville, No. 11, Mantorville.....	remitted
Mankato, No. 12, Mankato.....	54 50
Wapahasa, No. 14, Wabashaw.....	66 00
Monticello, No. 16, Monticello.....	31 00
Hokah, No. 17, Hokah.....	no return.
Winona, No. 18, Winona.....	116 50
Minneapolis, No. 19, Minneapolis.....	60 00
Caledonia, No. 20, Caledonia.....	43 50
Rochester, No. 21, Rochester.....	99 00
Pleasant Grove, No. 22, Pleasant Grove.....	143 75
North Star, No. 23, St. Cloud.....	56 00
Wilton, No. 24, Wilton.....	31 50
Western Star, No. 26, Albert Lea.....	26 50
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27, Winnebago City.....	32 00
Clear Water, No. 28, Clearwater.....	31 50
Morning Star, No. 29, La Crescent.....	57 00
Anoka, No. 30, Anoka.....	55 50
King Hiram, No. 31, Belle Plaine.....	10 00
Sakatah, No. 32, Waterville.....	48 50
Star in the East, No. 33, Owatonna.....	36 50
Oriental, No. 34, Cannon Falls.....	27 00
Mt. Moriah, No. 35, Hastings.....	53 00
Preston, No. 36, Preston.....	134 00
Mystic Tie, No. 37, Pine Island.....	no return.
Washington, No. 38, Wasioja.....	84 50
Fidelity, No. 39, Austin.....	75 50
Carnelian, No. 40, Lake City.....	46 00
Hermon, No. 41, Zumbrota.....	remitted
Hope, No. 42, Glencoe.....	no return.
Harmony, No. 43, Utica.....	40 50
King Solomon, No. 44, Shakopee.....	49 50
Union, No. 45, Le Sueur.....	26 00
Evergreen, No. 46, Troy.....	37 00
Concord, No. 47, Cleveland.....	26 50
Social, No. 48, Northfield.....	67 50
Rising Sun, No. 49, St. Charles.....	74 50
Watertown, No. 50, Watertown.....	59 50
Acacia, No. 51, Cottage Grove.....	28 00
Cannon River, No. 52, Morristown.....	45 00
Faribault, No. 53, Faribault.....	60 00
Nicollet, No. 54 St. Peter.....	22 00
Zion, U. D., Taylor's Falls.....	20 50
Meridian, U. D., Chatfield.....	42 00

Total..... \$2,524 75

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. B. CURRY,
M. W. GETCHELL, } Committee.
F. BEEBE.

The report was adopted.

The hour for the annual election of Grand Officers, having arrived, the Grand Master appointed Bros. Chas. Taylor and G. W. Merrill, tellers, to assist the Grand Secretary in canvassing the vote.

R. W. D. G. M. P. P. Hubbell declined being a candidate for any position.

The election was held and the following result announced.

M. W. C. W. NASH, Saint Paul, Grand Master.

R. W. W. T. RIGBY, Clearwater, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. ROBERT STEWART, Saint Charles, Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. S. R. MERRELL, Lake City, Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. GEO. L. OTIS, Saint Paul, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. WM. S. COMBS, Saint Paul, Grand Secretary.

Bro. R. Stewart offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the present and all future Grand Officers attending the Grand ☐, shall receive the same *per diem* and *mileage*, as the delegates to this Grand Body.

The resolution was adopted.

Bro. R. Stewart offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Annual Grand Communication of this Grand ☐ shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in June.

On motion the resolution was laid over until the afternoon session.

The Grand ☐ was then called from labor to refreshment, until half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the M. W. Grand ☐ to labor.

The matter of changing the time of the Annual Communication of the Grand ☐, in accordance with Bro. Stewart's resolution offered at the morning session, was then taken up, and after discussion the resolution was withdrawn.

The Committee on ☐ U. D. reported as follows:

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session:

The Committee on Work of ☐ U. D. respectfully submit the following:

That in the case of Meriden ☐, at Chatfield, there was not a representation of the ☐ present, and the Committee doubt the propriety of granting a charter to a number of brothers who do not take enough interest in the Order to provide a representation in the Grand ☐, when so vital a matter to their interest as the obtaining of a Charter, is involved. The committee are unable to form an opinion as to their work, none being present who had ever witnessed it. The returns are not sufficiently full to enable the Grand Secretary to make the proper record in the books of the Grand ☐. The committee believe that the action, or non-action, of the ☐ has been from inadvertence, and believe it best to continue the Dispensation to them until the next meeting of the Grand ☐.

We have examined the records and report of work done by Zion ☐, U. D., located at Taylor's Falls, and find them correct, and would recommend that a charter be granted to said ☐.

We find that Spring Valley □, U. D., located at Spring Valley, has received a Dispensation, of recent date, and have held but one Communication since its receipt. We would therefore recommend a continuance of said Dispensation until the next session of this Grand □.

An application in regular form, for a Dispensation to be granted to the brothers at Farmington, to form a □, to be called Corinthian □, U. D., was referred to the committee. From such evidence as came before the committee, we are of the opinion that the good of the Order would be subserved by a compliance with the prayer of the petitioners, and would recommend that the Grand Master issue his Letters of Dispensation, as usual in such cases.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. B. CUMMINGS, } Committee.
C. H. LINDSLEY, }

On motion of Bro. Hanna, the report was adopted.

M. W. A. T. C. Pierson moved that a committee of three be appointed, to wait upon the M. W. Grand Master elect, inform him of his election, and request his acceptance of the same.

The motion prevailed, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed as such committee, M. W. A. T. C. Pierson, M. W. B. F. Smith, and W. M. W. Getchell—who subsequently reported that the M. W. Grand Master elect accepts the honor conferred, and would present himself in due time for installation.

On motion of Bro. Smith,

Resolved, That the Dispensation to Blue Earth City □, U. D., be continued until our next Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Geo. W. Prescott, proceeded to install the Grand Officers elect, as follows :

M. W. C. W. NASH, St. Paul, Grand Master.
R. W. W. T. RIGBY, Clearwater, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT STEWART, Saint Charles, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. S. R. MERRELL, Wabashaw, Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEO. L. OTIS, St. Paul, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. WM. S. COMBS, Saint Paul, Grand Secretary.

M. W. Grand Master, C. W. Nash, announced the following appointments :

W. Rev. S. Y. McMASTERS, Saint Paul, Grand Chaplain.
W. E. D. B. PORTER, Mankato, Grand Marshal.
W. T. C. SHAPLEIGH, Monticello, Grand Standard Bearer.
W. H. D. BROWN, Albert Lea, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. J. D. JENNINGS, Hastings, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. W. T. KITTRIDGE, Wilton, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. J. W. HENION, Anoka, Grand Pursuivant.
W. THEO. FURBER, Cottage Grove, Senior Grand Steward.
W. P. R. AUSTIN, Pleasant Grove, Junior Grand Steward.
W. A. RICHARDSON, Saint Paul, Grand Tyler.

Who were duly installed.

The Committee on Pay Roll reported as follows :

To the M. W. Grand □ of Minnesota :

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a Pay-Roll for the Representatives to this Grand □, beg leave to offer the following report :

PAY ROLL OF MEMBERS.

NAMES OF LODGES.	Number.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	Am't Dues Pd G. □.	To WHOM PAID.
St. John's.....	1	2	\$6 00	\$3 00	\$9 00	\$52 00	L. E. Thompson.
Cataract.....	2	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	80 50	M. W. Getchell.
St. Paul.....	3	2	6 00	.....	6 00	53 50	G. W. Merrill.
Hennepin.....	4	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	107 00	A. E. Ames.
Ancient Landmark.....	5	2	6 00	.....	6 00	100 00	Freeman James.
Dakota.....	7	2	6 00	6 00	12 00	47 00	R. J. Marvin.
Red Wing.....	8	2	6 00	9 00	15 00	62 00	S. B. Foot.
Mankato.....	12	2	6 00	13 00	19 00	54 50	A. Hanna.
Wapahama.....	14	2	6 00	20 00	26 00	66 00	H. W. Rose.
Monticello.....	16	2	6 00	6 00	12 00	31 00	T. C. Shapleigh.
Winona.....	18	2	6 00	16 00	22 00	116 50	L. B. Cummings.
Minneapolis.....	19	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	60 00	O. B. King.
Caledonia.....	20	2	6 00	22 00	28 00	30 50	Jacob Webster.
Rochester.....	21	2	6 00	13 00	19 00	99 00	C. H. Lindsley.
North Star.....	23	2	6 00	11 00	17 00	56 00	A. B. Curry.
Wilton.....	24	2	6 00	11 00	17 00	31 50	W. T. Kittridge.
Pleasant Grove.....	22	2	6 00	21 50	27 50	148 75	W. H. Mills.
Western Star.....	26	2	6 00	15 20	21 20	26 50	H. D. Brown.
Blue Earth Valley.....	27	2	6 00	19 00	25 00	32 00	J. S. Weir.
Clearwater.....	28	2	6 00	8 00	14 00	31 50	W. T. Rigby.
Morning Star.....	29	2	6 00	20 00	26 00	57 00	W. R. Anderson.
Anoka.....	30	2	6 00	3 00	9 00	55 50	J. W. Henion.
King Hiram.....	31	2	6 00	7 00	10 00	10 00	R. H. Rose.
Star in the East.....	33	2	6 00	7 50	13 50	36 50	J. W. Morford.
Oriental.....	34	2	6 00	10 00	16 00	27 00	J. D. Jennings.
Mount Moriah.....	35	2	6 00	6 00	12 00	53 00	J. E. Finch.
Washington.....	38	2	6 00	13 50	19 50	84 50	D. E. Sawyer.
Fidelity.....	39	2	6 00	17 00	23 00	75 50	O. Somers.
Carnelian.....	40	2	6 00	17 00	23 00	46 00	S. R. Merrell.
Harmony.....	43	2	6 00	15 00	21 00	40 50	N. B. Ufford.
King Solomon.....	44	2	6 00	3 50	9 50	49 50	H. S. Holton.
Evergreen.....	46	2	6 00	19 00	25 00	37 00	T. Morse.
Social.....	48	2	6 00	4 60	10 60	67 50	Charles Taylor.
Rising Sun.....	49	2	6 00	14 50	20 50	74 50	R. Stewart.
Watertown.....	50	2	6 00	9 50	15 50	59 50	F. Beebe.
Acacia.....	51	2	6 00	5 00	11 00	28 00	R. J. Marvin.
Cannon River.....	52	2	6 00	9 40	15 40	45 00	Isaac Pope.
Faribault.....	53	2	6 00	6 25	12 25	60 00	Luther Dearborn
Nicollet.....	54	2	6 00	11 00	17 00	22 00	E. D. B. Porter.

PAY ROLL OF GRAND OFFICERS.

NAMES.	No. Days.	Per Diem.	Mileage.	Total.	To WHOM PAID.
M. W. G. M., George W. Prescott.....	2	\$6 00	.....	\$6 00	G. W. Prescott.
R. W. D. G. M., P. P. Hubbell.....	2	6 00	\$16 00	22 00	N. B. Ufford.
R. W. S. G. W., G. B. Cooley.....	2	6 00	18 00	24 00	G. B. Cooley.
R. W. J. G. W., A. J. Phelps.....	2	6 00	10 00	16 00	A. J. Phelps.
R. W. G. T., George L. Otis.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	George L. Otis.
R. W. G. S., C. W. Carpenter.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	C. W. Carpenter.
W. G. Chaplain, S. Y. McMasters.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	S. Y. McMasters.
W. G. S. B., S. R. Merrell.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	S. R. Merrell.
W. S. G. S., Charles Leonard.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	Charles Leonard.
W. G. Tyler, A. Richardson.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	A. Richardson.

Total amount to be paid to Representatives,\$626 45

Total amount to be paid Grand Officers,\$104 00

Total.....\$730 45

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. S. HOLTON, } Committee.
N. B. UFFORD. }

The report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Smith,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to the late Grand Secretary, fifty dollars to the Grand Chaplain, and sixty dollars to the Grand Tyler.

The resolution was adopted.

The matter of uniformity of work was taken up.

On motion of Bro. Thompson, the Committee was continued until our next Annual Communication, and instructed to report in writing.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following Committee on Foreign Correspondence: P. G. M. Geo. W. Prescott, Bros. M. W. Getchell and C. W. Carpenter.

The Grand Treasurer made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand [] of the State of Minnesota:

Your Treasurer herewith submits a statement of his account with this Grand [] for the past Masonic year, viz:

RECEIPTS.

Total assets on hand on settlement of account with last

Grand []	\$	928	72
Amount received from Grand Secretary, session of 1865,		1,577	40
Interest collected on \$750 U. S. Bonds, being May coupons,		32	00
Amount received from Grand Master		100	00
		<u>\$2,638</u>	72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid Grand Tyler, voucher No. 1	\$	20	00
Amount paid Wm. S. Combs, voucher No. 2		34	35
		<u>54</u>	35
Balance on hand		\$2,584	37

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. L. OTIS, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand [] of Minnesota, now in session:

I herewith submit a statement of my accounts with this Grand [].

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from Brother L. E. Fisher, dues to Pacific [], No. 10, omitted in previous report	\$	4	00
Amount received from Brother L. Dearborn, being amount of funds in possession of Faribault [], No. 9, omitted in previous report		2	00
Amount received from Nicollet [], No. 54, for charter		25	00
Am't rec'd for dispensation to Zion [] U. D.		20	00
" " " " Blue Earth City [], U. D.		20	00
" " " " Temple [], U. D.		20	00
" " " " Spring Valley [], U. D.		20	00
" " " " Carver [], U. D.		20	00
Amount received from Northern Light [], U. D. on acc't of dues, (no returns made,)		22	00
Am't collected at this session for dues of Subordinate []		2,524	75

Total Receipts..... \$2,877 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid Representatives and Grand Officers, as per	
Pay Roll.....	\$730 45
Paid appropriations of this session, as follows:	
Pioneer Printing Company	125 00
Grand Secretary.....	100 00
Grand Chaplain.....	50 00
Grand Tyler.....	60 00
Amount on hand, to be paid to Grand Treasurer.....	1,612 30
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	\$2,677 75

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. CARPENTER, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Examination of Treasurer's and Secretary's books, reported as follows:

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota, now in session:

The committee to whom was assigned the examination of the books and papers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg leave to report: That they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, respectively, and find their accounts correctly reported to this Grand ☐.

The finances of the Grand ☐ are now as follows:

U. S. Bonds in possession of Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 750 00
Cash, " " " ".....	1,834 37
Cash in possession of Grand Secretary.....	1,612 30
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	\$4,196 67

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. FINCH,
THOMAS C. SHAPLEIGH, } Committee.
J. W. HENION.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Dearborn,

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to draw on the Grand Treasurer for his expenses in visiting ☐.

On motion of Bro. Porter,

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to P. G. M. M. W. Geo. W. Prescott, for certain incidental expenses incurred.

On motion the committee on improvement of lots in the Oakland Cemetery, was continued until our next Annual Communication.

Bro. W. H. Grant offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That section 90, title second—Of Revenue and Funds, Grand ☐ Regulations—be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 90. The management of the permanent funds shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, denominated the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, said Board to be composed of the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary.

The resolution was adopted.

R. W. Bro. Stewart offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred dollars be loaned to Mantorville ☐ No. 11, at seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum interest, upon their furnishing our Board of Trustees with satisfactory security.

The resolution was adopted.

W.: Bro. M. W. Getchell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to invest the funds in his possession, after paying the appropriations and retaining five hundred dollars as contingent fund, in bonds of the United States, of the issue known as "seven-thirties."

The resolution was adopted.

There being no further business, the Fourteenth Annual Communication of the M.:W.: Grand ☐ of Minnesota was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

C. W. NASH, *Grand Master*.

ATTEST :

William J. Conbs
Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. M. W. Gatchell offered the following resolution:
 Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to invest the funds in his possession, after paying the appropriations and retaining five hundred dollars as contingent fund, in bonds of the United States of the same known as "seven-thirties."

The resolution was adopted.

There being no further business the Fourteenth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota was closed in song, form, peace and harmony prevailing.

C. W. NASH, Grand Master.

ATTORNEY:

William F. Sears
Grand Secretary